

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claim 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Similarly, claim 17 should also be deemed allowable as no prior art rejection has been applied against this claim, and claim 17 was deemed to describe allowable subject matter in the Office Action dated August 24, 2005.

Accordingly, claim 9 has been amended to include every element of claim 17 and intervening claim 16, which have subsequently been canceled.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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